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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Robert Hunter Biden

Plaintiff(s),

v.

Patrick M. Byrne

Defendant(s),

CASE NUMBER

2:23-cv-09430-SVW-PD

**APPLICATION OF NON-RESIDENT ATTORNEY  
 TO APPEAR IN A SPECIFIC CASE  
 PRO HAC VICE**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS**

- (1) The attorney seeking to appear *pro hac vice* must complete Section I of this Application, the certification in Section II, and have the designated Local Counsel sign in Section III. Space to supplement responses is provided in Section IV. The applicant must also attach a Certificate of Good Standing (issued within the last 30 days) from every state bar to which he or she is admitted; failure to do so will be grounds for denying the Application. Scan the completed Application, together with any attachment(s), to a single Portable Document Format (PDF) file.
- (2) Have the designated Local Counsel file the Application electronically using the Court's electronic filing system ("Motions and Related Filings => Applications/Ex Parte Applications/Motions/Petitions/Requests => Appear Pro Hac Vice (G-64)"), attach a Proposed Order (using Form G-64 ORDER, available from the Court's website), and pay the required \$500 fee online at the time of filing (using a credit card). The fee is required for each case in which the applicant files an Application. Failure to pay the fee at the time of filing will be grounds for denying the Application. **Out-of-state federal government attorneys are not required to pay the \$500 fee.** (Certain attorneys for the United States are also exempt from the requirement of applying for *pro hac vice* status. See L.R. 83-2.1.4.) A copy of the G-64 ORDER in Word or WordPerfect format must be emailed to the generic chambers email address. L.R. 5-4.4.2.

**SECTION I - INFORMATION**

Smith, Michael J.

Applicant's Name (Last Name, First Name &amp; Middle Initial)

check here if federal government attorney ☐

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**I have been retained to represent the following parties:**

Patrick M. Byrne

☐ Plaintiff(s) ☒ Defendant(s) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_☐ Plaintiff(s) ☐ Defendant(s) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Party(ies) Represented

List all state and federal courts (including appellate courts) to which the applicant has been admitted, and provide the current status of his or her membership. Use Section IV if more room is needed, or to provide additional information.

<u>Name of Court</u>	<u>Date of Admission</u>	<u>Active Member in Good Standing? (if not, please explain)</u>
State of Michigan	11/08/1984	Yes
U.S. District Court East Dist. of Michigan	12/05/1984	Yes
United States Tax Court	4/13/2016	Yes

List all cases in which the applicant has applied to this Court for *pro hac vice* status in the previous three years (continue in Section IV if needed):

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Title of Action</u>	<u>Date of Application</u>	<u>Granted / Denied?</u>
None	None	None	None

If any *pro hac vice* applications submitted within the past three (3) years have been denied by the Court, please explain:

None

*Attorneys must be registered for the Court's electronic filing system to practice pro hac vice in this Court. Submission of this Application will constitute your registration (or re-registration) to use that system. If the Court signs an Order granting your Application, visit [www.pacer.gov](http://www.pacer.gov) to complete the registration process and activate your e-filing privileges in the Central District of California.*

## **SECTION II - CERTIFICATION**

I declare under penalty of perjury that:

- (1) All of the above information is true and correct.
- (2) I am not a resident of the State of California. I am not regularly employed in, or engaged in substantial business, professional, or other activities in the State of California.
- (3) I am not currently suspended from and have never been disbarred from practice in any court.
- (4) I am familiar with the Court's Local Civil and Criminal Rules, the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence.
- (5) I designate the attorney listed in Section III below, who is a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court and maintains an office in the Central District of California for the practice of law, in which the attorney is physically present on a regular basis to conduct business, as local counsel pursuant to Local Rule 83-2.1.3.4.

Dated

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Michael J. Smith

Applicant's Name (please type or print)

Applicant's Signature

**SECTION III - DESIGNATION OF LOCAL COUNSEL**

Abu-Assal, Nabil L.

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I hereby consent to the foregoing designation as local counsel, and declare under penalty of perjury that I maintain an office in the Central District of California for the practice of law, in which I am physically present on a regular basis to conduct business.

Dated February 7, 2024

Nabil L. Abu-Assal

*Designee's Name (please type or print)*



*Designee's Signature*

**SECTION IV - SUPPLEMENT ANSWERS HERE (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)**

N/A